

Climate of Hendersonville

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lowering of the average temperature; (3) considerable but not excessive diurnal variations in temperature. Of course of these three advantages, the first is common to both moderate and extreme altitudes, but the full benefit of the other two is found only in moderate altitudes.

The effect of altitude in lowering temperature is well known. The average annual temperature in Hendersonville is eight or nine degrees lower than in such places as Wilmington, N. C., Columbia, S. C., and Augusta, Ga. This reduction is a very great advantage, but a greater altitude would tend to make the temperature too low.

Equally important is the matter of diurnal variations. At sea level the dense air acts as a blanket to retain the heat derived from the sun's rays. This heat, being dissipated very slowly, persists throughout the night, and in such places the night temperature does not differ very much from the day temperature. At high levels the air is rarer and the heat is more quickly dissipated. The difference between day and night becomes more marked, and the low night temperature in summer brings refreshing sleep. But at extreme altitudes the diurnal variations are excessive.

Hendersonville, with its moderate altitude, affords the golden mean. The changes here are sufficient to give the maximum of benefit with the minimum of inconvenience. In the summer we have enough heat to mature the crops, and yet a hot night is absolutely unknown. In the winter we have enough cold to make the season exhilarating and strengthening, while at the same time we have an abundance of bright sunny days.

Official records have been kept in Hendersonville for the ten complete years beginning with 1899. The normal temperature here for each month in the year based on the records of these ten years, is as follows (in degrees and tenths): January 37.8; February 36.6; March 48.8; April 53.4; May 63.3; June 69.5; July 72.7; August 72.4; September 66.5; October 56.0; November 46.9; December 38.8.

The annual average temperature for each of the ten years is as follows: 1899, 55.4; 1900, 56.3; 1901, 53.8; 1902, 55.8; 1903, 55.2; 1904, 53.4; 1905, 54.4; 1906, 55.9; 1907, 55.8; 1908, 56.0. The annual normal is 55.2; and it is worthy of note that the greatest annual departure from this normal in ten years is less than one and one-half degrees.

One of the most important data relative to climate in summer is the night temperature, for upon that depends the possibility of obtaining refreshing sleep. The minimum temperature on the warmest night last summer at the places named was as follows: New York 76; Philadelphia 77; Chicago 78; Memphis 79; Atlanta 77; Hendersonville 65. Thus it is seen that Hendersonville has in warm summer nights an advantage of from 11 to 14 degrees over other places, some of which have a lower annual temperature than we have. That the difference in our favor is maintained through the summer may be seen from the following figures showing

ing the mean minima in July and August:

New York, July 69, August 66; Philadelphia, July 70.6, August 66.3; Chicago, July 68, August 67; Memphis, July 73, August 72; Atlanta, July 68.7, August 68.4; Hendersonville, July 62.1, August 61.

1908, at the places named:

New York, max. 53, mean max. 41; Philadelphia, max. 57, mean max. 49; Chicago, max. 49, mean max. 35; Memphis, max. 65, mean max. 49; Atlanta, max. 61, mean max. 49; Hendersonville, max. 60, mean max. 46.

From the foregoing statistics

is greater in the summer than in winter, which gives us an enormous advantage. And the advantage in Hendersonville's favor is increased by the low minima during the summer months, insuring cool nights and refreshing sleep.

The rainfall in Hendersonville

Beautiful Laurel Park

Laurel Park Retreat, the haven of rest, for comfort and beauty there's nothing so blest.

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Basin Spring, in Laurel Park



Scenes in Beautiful Laurel Park



In the winter it is the daily temperature that counts. A considerable degree of cold at night is no disadvantage if the days are bright and mild. The following figures show the maximum and the mean maximum in January, and Memphis, yet the difference is abundant and well distributed. The normal monthly precipitation (in inches and hundredths), based on the records of the past five years, is as follows: January 5.20; February 4.15; March 4.56; April 2.97; May 5.04; June

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mountain sides, numberless cascades, springs and brooklets of surpassing beauty. The dense shades and pure air make the hottest summer days delightful beyond description.

At the head of Rainbow Lake is a large Casino, Skating Rink and Play House. With the boats upon the lake and the electrical display, you have a picture greatly to be enjoyed and hard to describe. With the well equipped amusement grounds at the foot of the lake appropriately arranged for games and amusements, you are apt to be well entertained. On the shore of the lake, at Laurel Park Retreat, a twenty-five room house, thoroughly furnished with modern facilities for the entertainment of guests, you may well be entertained at reasonable rates, and agreeable service in the most satisfactory way. This house is overrun every season, and hundreds, by applying too late are turned away. Satisfactory parties applying first will be received. People with lung trouble are never admitted.

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